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Architectural Survey File

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
Anne Burton Jeffers House (AA-1123)
215 King George Street

The building at 215 King George Street was originally constructed in 1905 for Anne Burton Jeffers for use as rental property. The imposing building was one of six dwellings to be erected on the western side of King George Street between Maryland Avenue and Martin Street between 1902 and 1905. The property was historically associated with both the William Paca House and the Hammond-Harwood House prior to its sale to Jeffers by Hester Harwood. The single-family dwelling served as rental housing for over sixty years.

This tall, imposing three-story, three-bay wide dwelling was designed in a variant of the Colonial Revival style. The house is set upon a brick foundation with walls finished in stucco. The side-facing gambrel roof, sheathed with slate shingles, is marked by flared eaves and a boxed cornice. A pair of interior end chimneys with corbeled caps are located on the southeast side wall, rising above the gambrel roof that encompasses a full third story (though it visually reads as a half-story on the facade). A third exterior end chimney is located against the rear wall of the house. According to the maps, the house was raised from two-and-a-half-stories to three-stories between 1913 and 1921.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. AA-1123

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Anne Burton Jeffers House

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 215 King George Street not for publication _____

city or town Annapolis vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD

county Anne Arundel code 003 zip code 21401

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ☒ Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District

No ☐

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Gambrel: Asphalt Shingles

walls Stucco

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- _____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- _____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- _____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- _____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- _____ B removed from its original location.
- _____ C a birthplace or a grave.
- _____ D a cemetery.
- _____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- _____ F a commemorative property.
- _____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1905-1968

Significant Dates 1905

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 4310 Square Feet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property designated as 215 King George Street is located on Parcel 1366 as shown on Grid 11, Map 4Z in the City of Annapolis.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building has been historically associated with this property since its construction in 1905.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title L. Trieschmann & K. Williams, Architectural Historians
organization Traceries date February 2, 1998
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815
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12. Property Owner
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name Robert N. and Joan S. Adrian
street & number 215 King George Street telephone _____
city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401
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This tall, imposing three-story, three-bay wide dwelling was built in 1905 in a variant of the Colonial Revival style. The house is set upon a brick foundation with walls finished in stucco.¹ The side-facing gambrel roof, sheathed with slate shingles, is marked by flared eaves and a boxed cornice. A pair of interior end chimneys with corbeled caps are located on the southeast side wall, rising above the gambrel roof that encompasses a full third story (though it visually reads as a half-story on the facade). A third exterior end chimney is located against the rear wall of the house. According to the maps, the house was raised from two-and-a-half-stories to three-stories between 1913 and 1921.

The northeast elevation, facing King George Street, is divided into two bays on the first story and three bays on the second story. The first story includes the entry, reached by a flight of brick replacement steps with a contemporary wrought iron railing, and by a tripartite window next to it. The entry consists of a Colonial Revival surround with a five-light transom, four-light sidelights and side panels, and a wood replacement door. The tripartite window has a central 6/6 sash flanked by two-light sidelights. This window is similar to the window in the oriel of the house next door at 213 King George Street (AA-1122, built 1906).

The second story has three single 6/6 windows. All of the windows have wood sills, louvered shutters, and flat wood lintels or window heads. The half story, located in the front slope of the gambrel roof, consists of a shed dormer with a pair of 6/6 windows. The roof is clad with slate shingles and flares slightly at the eaves.

The southeast elevation is generally three bays deep, but includes an asymmetrical, although balanced arrangement of window openings. The first story consists of a central oriel window flanked by single 6/6 windows with molded trim with interior beading. The oriel projects from the wall surface with the visual support of a Jacobean-style cul-de-lampe. It is polygonal with pairs of 4/4 sash in the central wall surface and narrower 4/4 sash in the canted side walls.

¹ Based upon the style and similar building forms on the street (namely 221 King George Street), it would seem logical that the house was originally clad with shingles and later stuccoed to obscure changes made, possibly in the window openings. However, according to the Sanborn maps, the house was "plastered" as early as 1913.

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The second story and third story (corresponding with the half story on the facade) have the identical arrangement of windows with a pair of 6/6 on center of the wall surface and single 6/6 windows to the front and rear. A small, square casement window is located in the attic level of the house on this side wall.

The northwest elevation consists of a random collection of windows that provide light, not only for interior rooms, but the stair that obviously rises along this side wall. The first and second stories on this wall both have two single 6/6 sash in the front and end bays. Between the windows and floors are three six-light casement windows set in a stepped and ascending formation. A single 6/6 window terminates the grouping between the floors. The third story similarly holds two single 6/6 windows in the front and rear bays. Between these windows is a single 6/6 window, presumably on the stair. A small vent is located on center at the attic level. The basement level has three sliding aluminum replacement windows symmetrically aligned and two vents between.

The southwest elevation includes an original, single-story shed roof wing that has been extended in recent years (since 1954) across the entire rear wall. The extension, clad in wood siding, has a flat roof with a deck. The wing has a door and two contemporary windows. Above the shed wing, the second story of the main block is visible. It has two single 6/6 windows and a door that replaced the third original window opening. The door opens onto the roof deck of the shed. A contemporary "Chippendale" balustrade forms the edge of the roof deck. A shed dormer, located on the rear slope of the gambrel roof holds a pair of two 6/6 windows. A brick chimney, located at the end of this rear elevation between the main block and the original wing, was probably the chimney that served a kitchen fireplace.

The interior of the building was not accessible for survey.

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The building at 215 King George Street was originally constructed in 1905 for Anne Burton Jeffers for use as rental property. The imposing building was one of six dwellings to be erected on the western side of King George Street between Maryland Avenue and Martin Street between 1902 and 1906. The property was historically associated with both the William Paca House and the Hammond-Harwood House prior to its sale to Jeffers by Hester Harwood. The single-family dwelling served as rental housing for over sixty years.

PROPERTY HISTORY

The property on which 215 King George Street stands was one of four lots that historically was associated with both the William Paca House at 186 Prince George Street and the Hammond-Harwood House at 19 Maryland Avenue. Together with Lots 92, 93, and 104, Lot 105 was devised in 1726 by Thomas Bordley to his sons, John and Thomas, Jr. By 1761, the property was under the ownership of William Stevenson, the second husband of Isabella Bordley. Stevenson conveyed all four lots with their improvements to Thomas Johnson, Jr. for L290 in 1762. Johnson, a prominent Maryland planter, subdivided the property and conveyed Lots 94 and 105 separately to Edward Lloyd for L180 in 1763. Within ten years, Lloyd had traded Lots 92 and 105 with Matthias Hammond in exchange for Lots 90 and 107. Hammond, also a prominent planter, increased his neighborhood holdings to the north when he purchased Lots 91 and 106 from Denton Hammond in 1774. That same year, Hammond improved the spacious corner property by having a traditional five-part plan dwelling erected at 19 Maryland Avenue to the designs of William Buckland. Lot 105 provided the impressive dwelling with an expansive rear yard that was fashionably landscaped.

Never having lived in the house, Hammond bequeathed the property to his nephew John Hammond upon his death in 1786. Philip Hammond sold the dwelling, utilized only as rental property, to Ninan Pinkney for \$3,000. Within a year, Pinkney conveyed it to Annapolis Mayor Jeremiah T. Chase, one-time resident of the dwelling. Upon the death of Chase in 1828, the property was bequeathed to Matilda Chase McBlair, who devised it to lawyer William and Hester Anne Harwood (the granddaughter of Jeremiah Chase). The property was maintained by the Harwoods until their deaths in 1900 and 1890, respectively. Hester Anne and Lucy, the unmarried daughter of the Harwoods, inherited the Hammond-Harwood House in 1900.

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Anne Burton Jeffers House

Clara W. McNair House

name of property

Annapolis, Maryland

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BUILDING HISTORY

In 1905, Hester Anne Harwood conveyed a rectangular lot measuring 40 feet by 100 feet to Anne Burton Jeffers. Two months later, Jeffers purchased an additional sliver of land measuring 3 feet by 100 feet from Martin Smith, who had purchased the surrounding property in 1901 from the Harwoods.

Born in 1851, Burton was the daughter of Commander William Nicholson Jeffers, III of New Jersey. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Naval Academy in 1846 and served as Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance from 1873 to 1883. Despite having retained her maiden name, Anne B. Jeffers married musician and composer, le Comte Alexandre Daussoigne-Mehul of Liege, Belgium in 1875.²

Jeffers, who worked as a State librarian, immediately improved the lot by having an imposing single-family dwelling erected to front King George Street. The census records indicate Jeffers did not reside in the dwelling, leasing it in 1910 to Frank D. Berrien and Nellie D. Pope in 1920. The city directory for 1928 further documents that Jeffers continued to lease the building, occupied then by Terry Thompson.

The property was conveyed in 1930 by Jeffers to Estelle Scott Alfred of Los Angeles. The city directory documents that the single-family dwelling on King George Street continued to serve as rental property, being occupied in 1948 by Mrs. Teresa N. Lewis. In 1961, Edward R. Heise lived in the building. With the death of Alfred, the property was inherited by Mary Alfred Rose, the wife of Rufus E. Rose. The Roses retained ownership until 1968, when 215 King George Street was purchased by Robert N. and Joan S. Adrian. The Adrians have owned and occupied the building for almost thirty years.

² Robert Harry McIntire, Annapolis Maryland Families, (Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press, Inc., 1980), pp. 363-364.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title for 215 King George Street:

1718: James Parrock, executor of Benjamin Fordham, to Thomas Bordley
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber IB2 Folio 498

1726: Thomas Bordley devised to sons John and Thomas Bordley, Jr.
Lots 92, 93, 104, and 105
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber L19 Folio 99

1747: Thomas Bordley, Jr. devised his portion of the four lots to brother John Bordley
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber L25 Folio 310

1757: John Bordley devised to wife Isabella Bordley
Will Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber L31 Folio 212

1761: Isabella Bordley Stevenson to Robert Sterling
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber BB2 Folio 563

1762: Robert Sterling to William Stevenson, husband of Isabella Bordley Stevenson
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber BB2 Folio 601

1762: William Stevenson to Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Lots 92, 93, 104, and 105
Land Record of Anne Arundel County
Liber LB Folio 276

1763: Thomas Johnson, Jr. to Edward Lloyd
Lots 92 and 105 with houses
Land Records of Anne Arundel County
Liber BB3 Folio 77

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1772:	Edward Lloyd to Matthias Hammond Lots 92 and 105 with houses Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber IB3 Folio 405
1774:	Denton Hammond to Matthias Hammond Lots 91 and 106 Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber IB4 Folio 361
1786:	Matthias Hammond bequeathed to nephew John Hammond Will Records of Anne Arundel County Liber NH5 Folio 122
1789:	John Hammond to brother Philip Hammond Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber NH5 Folio 122
1810:	Philip Hammond to Ninan Pinkney Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber NH15 Folio 619
1811:	Ninan Pinkney to Jeremiah T. Chase Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber WSG1 Folio 141
February 6, 1865:	Matilda Chase McBlair devised to William and Hester Anne Harwood Will Records of Anne Arundel County Liber RID 1 Folio 43
February 11, 1871:	William and Hester Anne Harwood bequeathed to daughters Hester Anne, II and Lucy Harwood Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber SH 5 Folio 277
July 2, 1873:	Alexander Randall, Trustee, to Hester Anne, II and Lucy Harwood Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber SH 7 Folio 514

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August 7, 1905:	Hester Harwood to Anne Burton Jeffers 40' by 100' Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber GW 45 Folio 178
October 5, 1905:	Martin Smith to Anne Burton Jeffers 3' by 100' Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber GW 46 Folio 191
July 1, 1930:	Anne Burton Jeffers to Estelle Scott Alfred of Los Angeles Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber FSR 73 Folio 360 Last Will and Testament of Estelle Scott Alfred to Mary Alfred Rose Will Records of Anne Arundel County Liber GMN 5 Folio 376
November 15, 1968:	Rufus E. and Mary Alfred Rose to Robert N. and Joan S. Adrian Land Records of Anne Arundel County Liber 2221 Folio 182



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215 KING GEORGE ST

ANNAPOLIS, MD

TRACERIES

FEB 1998

MD SHPO

LOOKING SOUTH

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ANNAPOLIS, MD
TRACERIES

FEB 1998

MD SHPO

LOOKING EAST
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ANNAPOLIS, MD
TRACERIES
APRIL 1998
MD SHPO
LOOKING WEST
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21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

AA 1103

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: SF Res

ORIGINAL USE: SF Res

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (X)

Good ()

Fair ()

Poor: ()

THEME:

STYLE: Colonial Revival

DATE BUILT:

1908-1913

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION:

215 King George

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: RES Map 34 Par 103

OWNER: Adrian Robert N & Joan S

ADDRESS: 215 King George St

Annapolis, MD 21401

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (X) No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local (✓) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone () Brick (X) Concrete () Concrete Block ()

2. Wall Structure

A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon (X)

B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()

C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:

3. Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()

Novelty () Stucco (X) Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()

Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () Asbestos Shingle ()

Bonding Pattern:

Other:

4. Roof Structure

A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()

B. Other:

5. Roof Covering: Slate (X) Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()

Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:

6. Engineering Structure:

7. Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers (X) Chimneys (X) Sheds () Ells (X)

Wings () Other: Bay @ left elevation

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()

Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()

Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 3 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: 30 x 40

Entrance Location: Right

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Low gambrel roof with shed roof double width roof dormer; heavy wood cornice with frieze panel and returns at end walls; corbeled chimney; later tripartite window at first floor; side lit entrance; bay window at left.

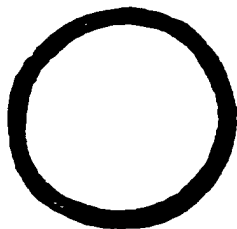
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Minor example of 20thC Dutch Colonial in scale with streetscape.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up(X)Densely Built Up()
Residential(X)Commercial()
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

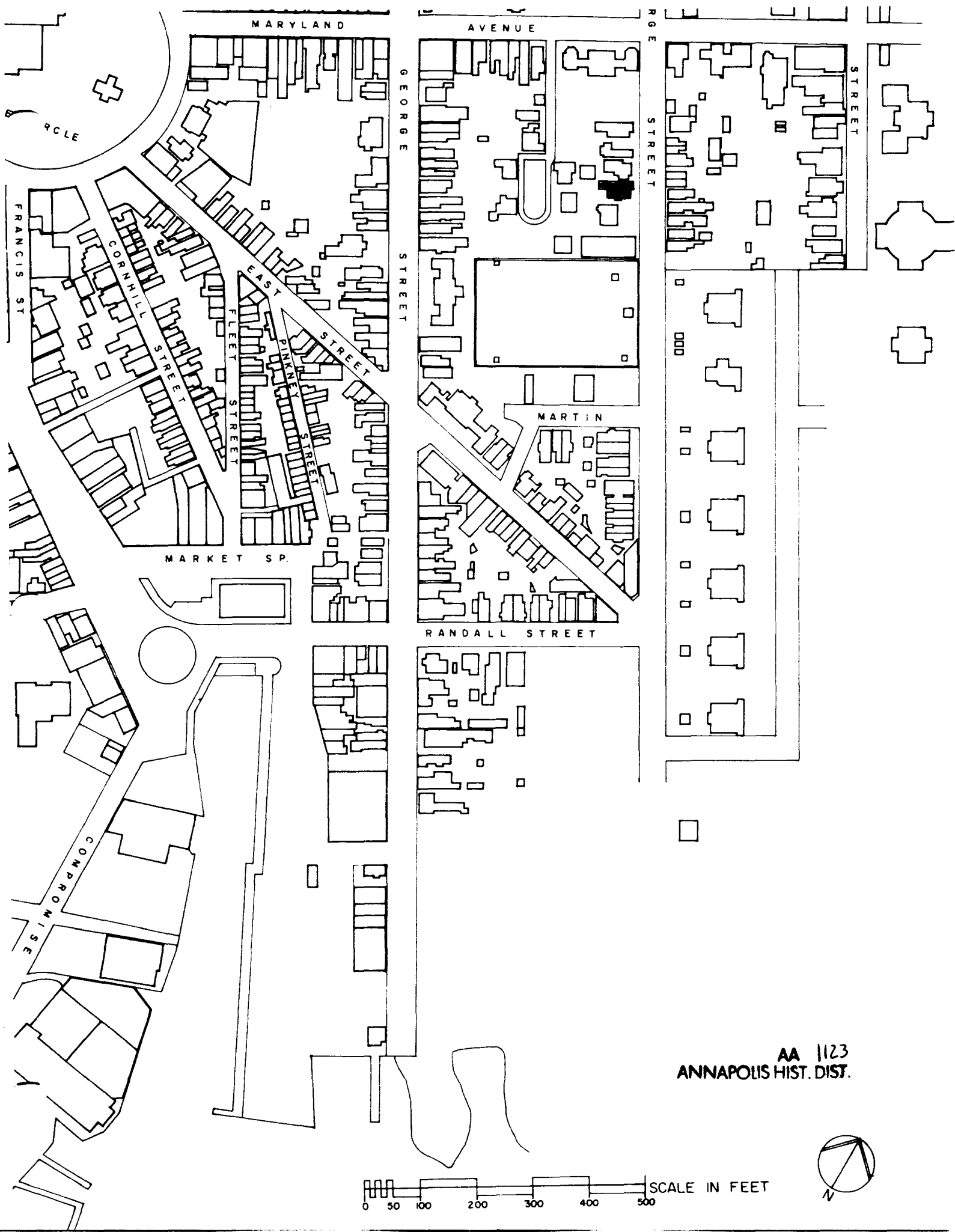
Russell Wright

ORGANIZATION:

Historic Annapolis, Inc

DATE RECORDED:

Aug. 1983



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ANNAPOLIS HIST. DIST.

0 50 100 200 300 400 500
SCALE IN FEET



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Annapolis, Anne Arundel County

Russell Wright July, 1982

Maryland Historical Trust,

Annapolis, Maryland

NW Elevation/camera facing SE